

8. (Twice Amended) A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the compressible filler component comprises [one or more of] microcrystalline cellulose, lactose, [and] mannitol or mixtures thereof.

9. (Twice Amended) A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the disintegrant comprises [one or more of] croscarmellose sodium, [and] sodium starch glycolate or mixtures thereof.

11. (Amended) A method of preparing a solid non-effervescent dosage form of an ibuprofen medicament comprising the steps of:

mixing a carrier material with the ibuprofen medicament under dry conditions,
wherein the carrier material comprises [The use of] an alkali metal carbonate or bicarbonate, [in a carrier material including] a compressible filler component and [combined with] a disintegrating component[, said carrier material being arranged for admixture with an ibuprofen medicament under substantially dry conditions] to obtain a mixture and then
compressing said mixture [for compression] into a solid non-effervescent dosage form having a crushing strength in the range 6.5-15 Kp and a disintegration time of less than 10 minutes, wherein the ibuprofen medicament comprises at least 35% [or more] by weight of the dosage form[, the dosage form having a crushing strength in the range 6.5-15 Kp and a disintegration time of less than 10 minutes].

12. (Amended) The method [use] according to claim 11 wherein the ibuprofen medicament is in the form of the sodium salt.

13. (Twice Amended) The method [use] according to claim 11 wherein the carrier material is adapted for direct compression with the ibuprofen medicament into a tablet.

14. (Twice Amended) The method [use] according to claim 11 wherein the [solid dosage form comprises] ibuprofen medicament is the sodium salt of ibuprofen, [together with a carrier material comprising] the compressible filler component comprises microcrystalline cellulose and the alkali metal carbonate or bicarbonate is sodium carbonate or bicarbonate.

15. (Twice Amended) The method [use] according to claim 11 wherein the carrier material comprises 45-60% microcrystalline cellulose by weight, 2-10% croscarmellose sodium by weight and 2-20% sodium carbonate or bicarbonate by weight.

Claim 20, line 6, after "mixture under", delete "substantially".

REMARKS

The amendments to the claims are supported by the specification at the 5th line from the bottom of page 14 to page 15, line 14.